From The Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents for your commitment towards a new beginning at Dalby State School. Our day 4 numbers were 528 students; this figure includes those students who are currently attending classes. The final count for the year will occur this Thursday to finalise numbers for the year. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, and if there are any issues, please contact the office.

This week, our cool tool is “Follow Instructions”. Teachers will spend time with students discussing the classroom and school expectations around this concept. It is crucial that everyone is on the same page when we talk about expectations in and outside the classroom. A special welcome to those who are new to Dalby State School. I hope that your student/s have had a wonderful start to the school year. In the next few weeks, we will have a brief “Meet and Greet” afternoon, where parents are invited to meet our teaching staff and have the opportunity to visit classrooms. More detailed information will be shared in next week’s newsletter.

Our priorities for this year will be:

- Explicit teaching in the Classroom
- A focus on improving literacy and numeracy results
- To continue the School Wide Positive Behaviour program at Dalby State School
- To implement a coaching and mentoring program, strengthening our Developing Performance Framework for teachers.
- To continue to build strong partnerships with parents and the community

Welcome to our new year 1 teacher, Emily Clark - 1C

Have a wonderful week.
Regards,
Mona Anau
Principal

Important Dates:

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LIFT
Learning Is Fun Together

LIFT PLAYGROUP WILL START FOR 2015 ON MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY.
Lift will then occur every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00-11.00.
We hope to see new faces and familiar faces at playgroup this year.
Welcome back to another year of saving. All students currently participating in the student banking program will receive a Parent Information pack which contains the redemption coupon card, you will need to keep this so you can claim your reward items.

All students in Prep will receive an Information Parent pack, to encourage them to become involved in the banking program. Students from Year 1 onwards who would like to become involved in the School Student Banking program can collect an Information Parent pack from the school office. However all you really need to do to start saving is:

Choose one of three options:

1. Apply at any Commonwealth Bank Branch for a Youthsaver Account (take in identification for you and your child - such as driver’s license and birth certificate);
2. Apply over the phone by calling 13 2221;
3. Existing Commonwealth Bank Customers can apply via NetBank.

When your child makes their first deposit they will get their first reward token and our school will also receive $5 commission. It’s a great way to help our schools’ fundraising efforts.

Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child an important life skill of saving money.

Regards,
Kym Burton  School Banking Co-ordinator

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**2015 Student Leadership Workshop**

This Friday, 6 February our Year 6 student leaders (School captains and vice-captains, House captains and vice-captains, Choir and Instrumental captains, and Student Leaders) will take part in a special training and planning workshop at Bunya Campus from 10am – 2.30pm. Student leaders will work with Ms Anau, Mrs Elliott and other teachers to identify leadership qualities, discuss the purpose of the Student Council, plan possible activities for 2015 and confirm roles and responsibilities. Student leaders are reminded to return their permission forms to Mrs Elliott (Student Council Liaison Teacher) in C Block Staffroom before Friday. For any additional details email jelli392@eq.edu.au.

**Master Teacher**

This year, 300 new Master Teachers will join Queensland state schools. The master teacher role will focus on improving literacy and numeracy and building capacity through action research and developing strategies for improvement with a strong evidence base. Our school was identified through our NAPLAN data as we are currently performing well but have potential for more improvement.

Mrs Penny De Waele was successful in obtaining the Master Teacher position for Dalby SS. For the next 3 years, her role will include; working with the leadership team regarding literacy and numeracy and researching and modelling best practices for staff. The Master Teacher position is an additional resource for our school that will ensure that our quality teachers will be able to maximise their efforts to make the greatest difference for our students.

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**From the Library**

Welcome to library borrowing for 2015. Below you will find a few details to help you encourage your child’s borrowing and reading for the year.

- Your child is scheduled to borrow each week. When they borrow, it is a two week loan, but we do encourage your child to return and borrow each week unless they have a novel that they have not finished reading.
- Each student can borrow 2 books. We encourage that at least one of them be a story of some description ie a picture book, short chapter book or novel. It is important for children to encounter lots of stories in their life to foster imagination, problem solving and emotional development.
- All students need a library bag. Many books have had to be paid for and/or written off in the past due to lunch box and water bottle mishaps as well as sibling and pet incidents. If your child does not have their bag, we have plastic bags available for them to use.
- Students don’t have to wait until their borrowing day to exchange their books. The library is open before and after school as well as both breaks for borrowing. We get really excited when students who have forgotten their book on their usual day or who’ve already finished their book, come in and change in their own time. Parents are also welcome to come in before and after school to borrow with their child. The children love showing their family around the library.

The absolute number one, best, most important thing you can do for your child’s education is to foster their love of reading. You start this journey not by hounding your child about their reading of books but by sharing hundreds of books with them before and during their learning to read journey.
Sports News

Bunya Swimming

The following have been selected to go to the Bunya Swimming Trials on Wednesday 18 February. Students had to meet qualifying times to be selected.

Mitchell Sterns, Brock Sankey, Beau Cosgrove, Nathan De Waele, Blake Johnston, Byron Davis, Matthew Legge, Jake Rynne, Connor Cubby, Jake Cosgrove, Charles Salter, Chantelle Callow and Georgia Lindsay.

Tallebudgera Camp

Tallebudgera Camp is for Year 6 students. Dates are from 9-13 March. We have been allocated 50 spots and so far we have 53 students who have paid a deposit. We are negotiating with Camp staff to include our extra students. If anyone else from year 6 wishes to come please see the school office to have your name put on a waiting list. The total cost of Camp including bus is approximately $340-$360 depending on numbers.

Attendance:
The school day commences at 9:00am and concludes at 3:00pm. Staff are on duty from 8:30am every morning and students who are on the school grounds before 8:30am are asked to sit under the administration building. Students who arrive late to school must sign in at the office; students will be given a late pass that must be presented to the teacher once in class. Students who are departing early will also require a leave pass to be issued from the office. A note from home will be required or a parent or listed emergency contact will need to be present before the pass can be given.

Absences:
Please call the student absence line on 4672 3660 and leave a detailed message stating students name, class, reason for absence and duration. The student absence line is available 24 hours a day, similarly absences can be reported through the absence email address absence@dalbyss.eq.edu.au with the same information. Parents of students marked unexplained on the class roll will receive a TEXT message after 10am asking for an explanation.

Fees:
The 2015 Student Resource Levy will be $60.00 per student from Prep to Year 6. All families will receive a participation agreement form. Please fill out the participation form and return to school with payment or an invoice will be issued. Swimming fees will be invoiced in Term 3. We are unable to except pre-payments for swimming as final costs still need to be finalised.

Medication:
Students who require Medication at school will need to fill out a request to administer medication form at the school office. All medication needs to be in its original package with a chemist label stating the students name and the correct dosage. Students continuing to have medication administered at school need to have a new form completed at the beginning of each school year.

Student Internet Access Agreement:
All students and parents are required to complete and return this agreement to school each year. Students will not be able to access the internet at school until this form is returned. New students and prep students should have filled out this form when enrolling, if you are unsure, please contact the school office.

Community News

"Drum lessons available in Dalby with Los Angeles based Professional drummer John Sankey. In town for a short time only, limited spots. Call 0449 536 289 or email devdrummer@hotmail.com."

It’s that time of year again!
DALBY SWANS AFC SIGN ON DAY!
6th February 2015
3:30pm
Swans Oval Owen St Dalby

DALBY DEVILS
Junior Rugby League
SIGN-ON DAY
Sunday, 8th February
3pm-5pm at Dalby Leagues Club
Get started vouchers accepted

OAKEY BEARS
Junior Rugby League
SIGN ON DAY
7th February 2015
12:00 - 2:00pm
Football Club - Kent Street, Oakey

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS - Tuesdays and Thursday from 8.30am to 9.30am